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1. The Chinese Communist South Central Military and Political Committee ordered military authorities in Fukien and Kwangtung Province to reorganize the local militia as of 15 August 1950. All farmers and workers from 18 to 30 years of age are to be given training for the purpose of:
 - a. Maintaining local order by wiping out guerrillas in cooperation with regular Chinese Communist troops, and subduing local reactionaries.*
 - b. Helping security troops protect local railways, bridges, telephone lines, supply depots, and factories and other productive organizations.
 - c. Continuing military training so that they can join the regular army when needed.
2. The militia is to be organized as follows:
 - a. Areas - by hsien, districts within each hsien, and sub-districts within each district.
 - b. Administration - a People's Military Representative Committee for each hsien, district, and sub-district.
 - c. Militia units - a column for each hsien, under which is a unit for each district, and sub-unit for each sub-district.
 - d. Militia command - commander of each militia unit will be the chief of the People's Military Representative Committee for the hsien, district, or sub-district in which the militia unit is located.
3. Financing of the militia is to be through a surtax in addition to the regular tax. The amount will be determined by local military authorities.

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